The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" So far as I am aware, all the action to be taken has been taken already."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know whether the report is still pending with the Government for the last 8 years or has been lodged ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" The matter has been disposed of. All action, the Government wanted to take, has been taken already."

Village Establishments

Jamabandi allowance to village menials in Gudiyattam taluk.

* 1455 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : With reference to the answer to question No. 451 answered on 9th October 1928 regarding the jamabandi allowance to village menials of Gudiyattam taluk for fasli 1336, will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether the report called for from the Board has been received and if so whether he will be pleased to lay it on the table of the House with the orders of Government thereon ?

A.—Copies of the reports [a] from the Board of Revenue, dated 29th September 1928 and 12th October 1928, and of G.O. No. 2781, Revenue, dated 27th November 1928, are laid on the table.

Water-rate

Alleged prohibition of baling water for irrigation from the Manjalnathi river.

* 1456 Q.—Mr. S. ARPUDASWAMI UDAYAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the ryots of Punvaramkottai and Karattupatti villages in Nilakottai taluk, Madura district, had ever since the formation of those villages enjoyed the right of irrigating their fields by baling water from the Manjalnathi flowing east of Manjal anicut in Batlagundu ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that water-rates had been levied from them for the use of water of the river both for single and double crops ;

(*c*) whether they were at any time prohibited from using this water ; and

(*d*) whether such prohibition extends to their baling water from springs caused by the deepening of the bed of the river in certain places ?

A.—(*a*) to (*d*) The Government have no information on the subject A report has been called for.

Wild animals

Loss of lives of men and animals in the villages adjoining Gumsoor forests by tigers.

* 1457 Q.—Sriman BISWANATH DAS' Mahasayo : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any information about the loss of lives of men and animals in the villages adjoining the Gumsoor forests by tigers ;

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[a] Printed as Appendix IX on pages 112–114 infra.

(b) whether they will be pleased to call for information as to the number of deaths of men as also of animals in these villages due to tigers in 1926-27 and to the end of November in 1928 ; and

(c) the action they propose to take to relieve the people from such terror ?

A.—(*a*) The only informations available are the mortality statistics. In regard to human mortality due to the attacks of wild animals these statistics were on verification of specific entries found to be based on no reliable information. Accordingly detailed instructions have been issued in the matter but the Government fear that it will take a year or two before any improvement in the direction of accuracy will result.

(*b*) The Government do not consider that any information recorded for the year 1926 or 1927 are likely to be trustworthy. If the hon. Member is suggesting that there has been recently many attacks on human beings near Gumsoor, a report will be called for.

(*c*) With a view to encourage the destruction of wild animals, the Government offer rewards for the killing of tigers, leopards, panthers and cheetahs on the scale laid down in Board's Standing Order No. 196.

Police

Arrest of certain Andhra leaders on 17th February 1929.

* 1457-A *Q.*—Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that certain Andhra leaders including Messrs. Konda Venkatappayya and K. V. R. Swami were arrested by the Police on the 17th instant;

(*b*) whether they were arrested without any warrants ; and if so, why ;

(*c*) whether the arrest was under section 151, Criminal Procedure Code, and if so, what was the information against each of them within the knowledge of the Police who arrested them ;

(*d*) who gave the information to the Police in each case ;

(*e*) whether they were released on the same day ;

(*f*) whether the arrest and the release of either of them were made under the orders or with the knowledge of the Government ; and

(*g*) whether the Government have made any investigation in regard to the arrests of these leaders, and if so, what is the result of the investigation and what action has been taken by the Government ?

A.—(*a*) Four persons were arrested including those mentioned by the hon. Member.

(*b*), (*c*) & (*d*) They were arrested without warrants under section 151, Criminal Procedure Code. The Police had credible information that these men intended to disturb the public peace on the 18th February 1929.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) No.

(*g*) The Government have made enquiries and elicited the information given in the answers to the previous clauses.